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445 12th Street SW
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To Whom It May Concern:

This appeal is in reference to CC Docket No. 02-6.

Enclosed are copies relating to this matter: my Invoice Deadline Extension Request, the Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request, and my letter of appeal to the SLD.

I was hoping to get a favorable reply on my letter of appeal from the SLD, but have not yet received a reply from them. It's been over a month since I've written them, so I am forwarding my appeal to your office before the 60-day period for filing an appeal expires.

What I am asking for in my appeal is a reversal of the Administrator's Decision and to allow me to go ahead and file a BEAR form for funding year 2003. If you will read the enclosed copies of my extension request and appeal you will see that I failed to file the BEAR form on time for funding year 2003.

As you know, there are several forms applicants in this program are required to submit. In my case there are four forms to file: form 470, form 471, form 486, and the BEAR form. With this many forms to fill out to apply for reimbursement there is a greater possibility for some human error. I have been participating in the program for a few years now. The Eldora Public Library has been reimbursed for years 2001 and 2002 and approved for year 2004. It is unusual for me to miss a deadline, and I would ask that in making your decision you consider my previous successful participation in this program.

Eldora, a modest-sized community of 3,035 in rural Iowa, is characteristic of the type of community legislators were trying to help when they passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I would submit that a favorable decision by you would be in the interests of that legislation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Daniel R. Gehring

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January 22, 2005

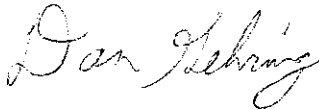
Invoice Deadline Extension Request
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 — Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

To Whom It May Concern:

I can not find any record that I submitted a BEAR form for funding year 2003. I am asking for an extension to film the form. The form 471 application number is 346316. There are two funding request numbers for which I would like reimbursement: 933753 for a reimbursement request of \$423.19, the amount approved in our funding commitment report (70% of our actual costs of \$684.36 would be \$479.05), and 933761 for a reimbursement request of \$965.58 (70% of our actual cost of \$1379.40) both with Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative SPIN number 143015291.

As to why the BEAR form wasn't filed on time, for some reason filing the BEAR form wasn't on my calendar and for that reason missed the filing deadline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Gehring".

Dan Gehring



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request

February 9, 2005

Dan Gehring
Eldora Public Library
1202 10th Street
Eldora, IA 50627

Re:	SLD Invoice Number: N/A	BEAR or SPI: N/A
	SLD Line Number(s): N/A	Invoice Date: N/A
	Vendor Invoice Number: N/A	
	471 Application Number: 346316	
	Funding Request Number: 933753, 933761	
	Your Correspondence Dated: January 22, 2005	

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your invoice deadline extension request for the invoice number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your request included more than one invoice number, please note that for each invoice for which an invoice deadline extension request was submitted, a separate letter is being sent.

Invoice Number: N/A	Line(s): N/A
Decision on Request:	Denied

Current Deadline Extension guidelines and procedures do not allow approval for the reason submitted.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal the decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be **POSTMARKED** within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Identify which Administrative Decision you are appealing. Indicate the relevant funding year and the date of this letter. Your letter of appeal must also include the Billed Entity Name, the Form 471 Application Number, and the SLD Invoice Number from the top of your letter.
3. When explaining your appeal, copy the language or text from this letter that is at the heart of your appeal to allow the SLD to more readily understand your appeal and respond appropriately. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

If you are submitting your appeal on paper, please send your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Additional options for filing an appeal can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We encourage the use of either the e-mail or fax filing options.

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be POSTMARKED within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

cc: David L. Schmidt, Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative

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February 14, 2005

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
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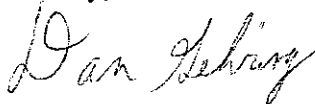
This is an appeal on an Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request dated February 9, 2005 regarding my Invoice Deadline Extension Request dated January 22, 2005. This is for the Eldora Public Library, Form 471 application number 346316. I had missed the deadline for filing the BEAR form for funding year 2003 on funding request numbers 933753 and 933761 and need an extension to file. A copy of the decision and a copy of my request are enclosed for your reference.

The administrator that denied the request stated, "Current Deadline Extension guidelines and procedures do not allow approval for the reason submitted." I would like to expand on my reason for not filing on time in hopes that you will reconsider and grant my request.

As you know, there are several deadlines in this e-rate program and I make a good faith effort to meet the deadlines. In working with this program I have come to rely a lot on the Iowa State Library and my library service area for information on deadlines and tips on filing. I have received reminders on filing deadlines on other forms like the 470, 471, and 486. I don't recall getting a notice on the filing deadline for the BEAR form. I'm not saying they didn't send a reminder; I just don't recall getting a reminder.

Certainly I want to meet your deadlines and will make an extra effort in the future to do so.

Sincerely,



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